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TO ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED A LETTER SEPTEMBER 10 FROM ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB) OPERATIONS DIRECTOR ABDUL RAHMAN YOUSEF EXPRESSING THE IDB'S INTEREST IN QUOTE EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF ENGAGING MR. BELKACEM ABDESLEM ON SECONDMENT THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF AID AS AN ADVISOR TO THE OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS DEPARTMENT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR UNQUOTE.

2. AS NOTED PARA 1 REF A, YOUSEF IS MOST INTERESTED IN TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR AID SECONDING OFFICIALS TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS LIKE THE IDB.

3. IDB IS APPARENTLY NOT INTERESTED IN RON BOBEL AT THIS TIME. YOUSEF'S LETTER THANKED THE ECONOFF FOR TRANSMITTING BOTH BOBEL'S AND ABDESLEM'S CVS BUT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ENGAGING ONLY ABDESLEM.

4. IDB REMAINS WILLING TO SUPPLY FURNISHED HOUSING
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AND ROUND TRIP TRANSPORTATION FROM THE US.

5. YOUSEF ALSO NOTED THAT BOTH HE AND IDB PRESIDENT H.E. DR. AHMED MOHAMED ALI WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON FROM SEPTEMBER 23 TO 28 IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMF/IBRD BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING AND COULD BE REACHED THROUGH THE WORLD BANK.

6. EMBASSY COMMENT: SINCE IDB IS INTERESTED IN ABDESLEM AND NOW APPEARS WILLING TO PROVIDE THE DIRECT REQUEST TO AID/W WHICH WAS MENTIONED PARA 1, REF, B. THE ONLY POINTS REMAINING TO BE RESOLVED ARE TERMS AND CONDITIONS. EMBASSY URGES AID/W/TO PROFIT BY WASHINGTON VISIT OF IDB OFFICIALS TO MAKE SPECIFIC COST PROPOSALS FOR SECONDMENT OF ABDESLEM.
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